



M.O.E. Policy Manual

POLICY TITLE INCORPORATION OF THE REASONABLE USE CONCEPT
INTO MOE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

NO.
15-08-01

Legislative Authority

the Ontario Water Resources Act, R.S.O. 1980

Statement of Principles

This policy establishes the basis for determining the reasonable use of groundwater on property adjacent to sources of contaminants and explains the role of a reasonable use approach in the Ministry's various activities related to groundwater quality.

The policy is designed to facilitate implementation of the groundwater quality management policies and procedures contained in the publication "Water Management - Goals, Policies, Objectives and Implementation Procedures of the Ministry of the Environment", which are based on protecting existing and potential reasonable uses of water. The reasonable use concept applies only to groundwater quality management.

The policy addresses the levels of contaminant discharges considered acceptable by the Ministry and the levels of contamination in water supplies which would warrant restoration of those water supplies.

Detailed information on the policy is contained in the document entitled "The Incorporation of the Reasonable Use Concept into the Groundwater Management Activities of the Ministry of the Environment", April 1986.

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